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1. FYI. WE BELIEVE THAT SCHEDULING A MEETING BETWEEN MEMBER OF SECRETARY'S PARTY AND MAYOR SHAWWA AND HIS NEPHEW MOHAMMED WOULD BE AN UNNECESSARY IRRITANT TO ISRAELIS. AS YOU STATED, FACT OF MEETING WOULD BECOME KNOWN TO GOI AND IT WOULD PROBABLY BE RESENTED, AS WELL AS GIVE RISE TO UNNECESSARY SPECULATION. IN ADDITION, WE SEE NO UTILITY IN SUCH A MEETING IN ANY CASE. MOHAMMED SHAWWA IS WELL KNOWN AS A PROMOTER OF HIS OWN CAUSES AND WHILE HIS UNCLE, RASHAD SHAWWA, MIGHT IMPART SOME INSIGHTS INTO LOCAL GAZA POLITICS, WE BELIEVE CONTACT CONFIDENTIAL

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SHOULD BE KEPT IN ALREADY EXISTING EMBASSY CHANNEL. END FYI.

2. YOU SHOULD THEREFORE INFORM MOHAMMED SHAWWA THAT SECRETARY'S SCHEDULE WHILE IN ISRAEL IS ALREADY TIGHT AND HE IS UNABLE TO ARRANGE A MEETING WITH THE SHAWWAS. SHOULD SHAWWA PRESS TO MEET WITH MEMBER OF OFFICIAL PARTY, YOU

SHOULD INDICATE THAT THEY WILL BE SIMILARLY TIED UP IN
MEETINGS WITH ISRAELI OFFICIALS AND ARE UNDER SAME TIME
CONSTRAINTS AS SECRETARY.
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